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## Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2023 Activities Calendar

April 6	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
April 13	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
April 20	Executive meeting-1600	Zoom
April 28-29	D-9 Spring Conference	Bay City, MI
May 4	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
May 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
May 18	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
June 1	Awards Night-1800	Sleders

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### 6 APRIL 2023

**Arnie Taddia**  
**Dee McClure**

Reviewing Vessel Safety Checks

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1800 Social Hour  
1830Dinner

Please let your caller know your preference  
Chicken Parmesan with Pasta  
Pasta Prima Vera  
Shrimp Prima Vera

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, April 2,  
please call John Snow at  
231-492-8395 or email John Snow at [johnsnow@charter.net](mailto:johnsnow@charter.net) by Monday, April 3,  
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



## COMMANDER'S REPORT

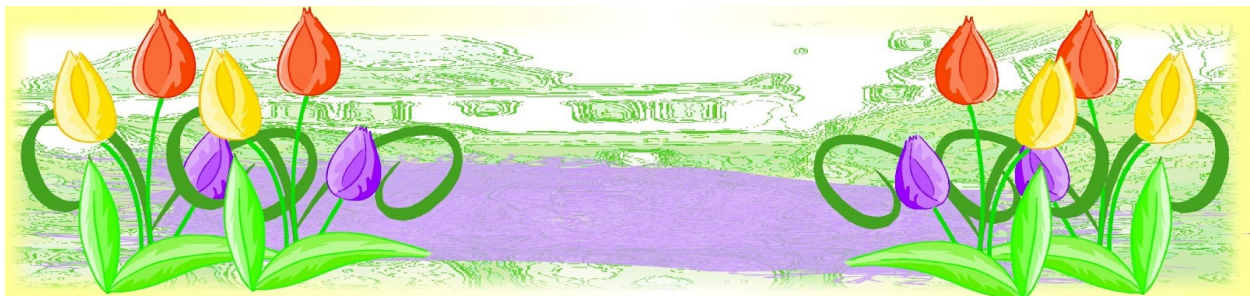
Cdr John Krieger, P

Our efforts in market awareness (making our squadron more visible in our market) are beginning to take hold. Most recently there was a great article published in the Record Eagle that was include in its spring circular. It brought us some much needed press and was done so quite favorably.

As we progressed through the month, we spent considerable time making changes to our brochure, as well as really thinking about how prospects contact us. Thanks to Bill Bailey's fine technical knowledge, our new brochure has QR codes, mail-in-forms and a Facebook reference, that should make it easier for those with interest to join us as members.

Our membership committee has increased in size again and Sally Weaver is our newest member. She, along with other committee members is working with Bill Bailey in our website redesign exercise. It will contain new verbiage, hot links and other references that should hold prospects, as well as members interests and keep them on our site. Mary Krieger, has reworked our Facebook Page and has kept it up to date with new information which is posted on a timely basis. There are specific directions in this edition of the 45<sup>th</sup> on how to find our Facebook page, like it, and send it to your friends list. Once that is done you will receive information about new posts automatically.

Finally, our membership committee is undertaking the task of identifying and prioritizing five things that we should be doing this year to help boost our membership. These five are coming from a list from a consultant's report from some years ago. We will share with you what they are and how we are progressing throughout the year. We are off to a great start so stay tuned to see what we have planned for April and especially May. There are more great things to come!





## EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

Spring Classes are underway. Marine Electrical Systems began on March 15 with 8 students. Boat Handling (previously Seamanship) started March 20 with 7 students. The Sail class will begin on April 18 and America's Boating Course will begin its virtual run of 3 classes on May 8. The Sail class closed with 12 students some time ago with 12 more now on the waiting list; the instructor, David Terrell, is working with Extended Education Services to open a second section later in the summer to serve people on the waiting list. Our annual America's Boating Course through NMC's College for Kids is scheduled for 4 mornings during the third week in June; registration begins on April 4 and is expected to close quickly. Our ASEO, Dee McClure, is working on creating a second section of ABC for kids in Suttons Bay. To sign up for a class go to [nmc.augusoft.net](http://nmc.augusoft.net) or our own website [gtbayboating.org](http://gtbayboating.org).

The Spring Seminar Series is on the website along with our NMC courses; we have already had some registrations for the seminars. The seminars are free; just sign up on [gtbayboating.org](http://gtbayboating.org) to get a Zoom link to a seminar. Thanks to Bill Bailey for getting everything on the website and thanks to Dee McClure for her marketing skills in advertising our seminars.

The education department is busy these days! If you want to join in on the fun, call or email Bill Smethells ([wsmethells@gmail.com](mailto:wsmethells@gmail.com); 715-579-2557). The more, the merrier!





## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

The Calling Committee can expect to receive revised calling lists to account for the two new members, Bill Bailey and Jeanne Shantz, in time for the April meeting contacts.

I had a request for a pasta dinner and since there is no pasta on Sleders menu, I talked to Beth, the manager, and she has arranged for the following two choices for the April dinner Meeting:

Chicken Parmesan with pasta  
Pasta Prima Vera  
Shrimp Prima Vera

The presentation will be by our Vessel Safety Check people. I am working on getting Jim Favors, Traverse Yacht Cruisers Club, to speak to us in May. Also, an Engineer from Brunswick Marine is interested in talking to us in the fall. Lots to look forward to!

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS—

Bill Bailey, JN P/C  
LuAnn Cruse  
Carol Currin, P  
Mary R. Gillooly, S  
Michael A. LeButt, SN  
Patricia Musson, JN  
William Rzyzi  
Craig Shantz  
Thomas Stone, JN P/C





## **SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT**

**Lt Brian Nelson, AP**

### **Boating Safety Begins Before Launch**

Statistics for on-water boating accidental injuries and deaths are readily available and periodically publicized, but have you seen any stats for accidents involving boats on the hard? I haven't. When you think about it, "messing about in boats" that are not even in the water can be every bit as hazardous as boats that are underway.

Once, I leaned my lightweight aluminum ladder against the boat to go topside for just a minute or two. While standing on deck, a gust of wind blew the ladder down to the ground; I hadn't tied the ladder to the boat! This happened in a small private marina, where I am often there alone. This time, I was lucky and another boater was nearby, who put the ladder back up for me. Now, I always tie the ladder, even if I'm going up just for a minute. But, what if I was alone there; how would I get down? What if I got hurt trying "something stupid" to get off the boat? All sorts of "what ifs" come to mind when you think about working on boats "on the hard".

Add power tools, paint and cleaning chemicals, jack stands, wet and/or windy weather and bulky clothing, and the potential for accidents multiply. Having situational awareness and a good dose of common sense can save you from a painful, or at least embarrassing, accident that can be avoided. When the weather finally decides what season it is, tackle that spring boat prep with eager anticipation of a great summer on the water. Remember, boating safety begins when the ladder touches the boat!





## MARCH MEETING



Pat Kernaghan  
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP  
Pat Rottman  
Bill Rottman, AP



John Davies, SN  
P/C Harvey Norris, AP  
Cdr John Krieger, P



P/C Mary Petterson, N  
P/C Tom Stone, JN  
Janet Stone, JN  
Mary Krieger



John Holcombe, AP  
Craig Schantz  
Jeanne Schantz



Cdr John Krieger, P swearing  
in new members Sally Weaver  
and Jim Schultz



Lt/ C John Snow  
Lt/C Dee McClure, AP  
Nicolle Smethells  
Lt/C Bill Smethells, N



Lt/C John Weih, P



Our Speaker Tom Ervin  
from Walstrom Marine



Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P  
Lt/C John Weih, P

## WINNERS



Lt/C Sue  
Brown, P



Jim Schultz



Janet Stone, N



## Meet New Member Sally Weaver,



Sally grew up in Monroe, Michigan and has been in Traverse City now for 35 years. She spent as much time as possible on and in the water-boating and swimming. Sally had summer jobs teaching water safety, canoeing and swimming at camps for special needs kids and Camp Fire Girls. Her career was spent teaching special needs students, grades 2-12 over a 30-year period in Saginaw, Kalkaska and Forest Area schools.

She got involved with lighthouses about 40 years ago serving on local lighthouse boards and the statewide Michigan Lighthouse Alliance. Sally loves to travel and has been lucky to attend Explo '72 in Dallas, Texas, a prayer march in Washington D.C., sing in 7 different countries with a college choir, sail a 60' yacht in the British Virgin Islands, ride the Olympic luge in Calgary, Canada, walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain, motorhome through Alaska, visit 48 of the 50 states and she has recently toured Israel.

Her THREE (count them three) Master's Degrees in Education, Horticulture and Historic Preservation have allowed Sally to engage in many different projects and activities while following her strong belief that we never stop learning. "God has ALWAYS been my strength through the bad times and the good times." She is retired now and looking forward to more adventures.

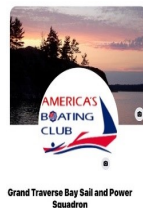
Welcome, Sally, to America's Boating Club Grand Traverse Bay. When you see Sally be sure to say hello.

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### Editor's Note—

We are now on Facebook. Below are the steps to join.

1. Go to Facebook and search for Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
Our landing page looks like this:



2. Join or follow by clicking the Join or Follow Button
3. Make sure and like our page
4. Invite your friends from your friends list to join our page



**USPS D9 2023 Spring Conference**  
**Hosted by Saginaw Bay Sail and Power Squadron**  
**DoubleTree Hotel Riverfront by Hilton - Bay City**



**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

**United States Power Squadrons - District 9 - Spring Conference 28 - 30 April 2023**

Rank   Last Name   First Name   Grade

\_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (   ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if a **First Timer** at a district conference

\_\_\_\_\_ No Meals; Friday and/or Saturday registration only

\_\_\_\_\_ Delta College Planetarium show 3:30 Friday "Mysteries of the Great Lakes" **\$5 per ticket** (across from hotel)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday Luncheon Buffet \$25.00 each** Entrees: Grilled Salmon and Braised Beef w/ Heirloom carrots, and Cheese Tortellini Primavera   Sides: Yukon potatoes, seasonal mixed vegetables, mixed greens salad, Kale & Napa slaw, and assorted petite desserts

\_\_\_\_\_ **Special Meal Dietary Requests** Specify : \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Reservations must be received by 20 April 2023** Please register even if you do not want any meal tickets.

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact SBSPS Cdr Guy Greve, P   ggreve@sbcglobal.net   H: 989-894-2191   C: 989-225-2448

**Special Guest : USPS CHIEF COMMANDER CRAIG FRASER, SN-IN**

*Please Make Checks Payable To:*  
**Saginaw Bay Sail & Power Squadron**  
*Mail Check & Registration to:*  
**Danny Krebs**  
**1302 Nebobish Ave., Essexville, Mi 48732**

**DoubleTree**  
1 Wenona Park Pl  
Bay City  
**Room Rate \$114.00**

Free wi-fi, swimming pool, hot tub

**Notes !**

- **Uniform Saturday:** Daytime: Uniform F (White long sleeve shirt, tie, black slacks, no jacket)
- The only meal tickets available after the cut-off date (20 April) will be unclaimed tickets or tickets turned in for resale.

**Hospitality Room Wrist Band:** Wrist bands will be distributed at the registration table for security reasons. Hospitality room open both Friday and Saturday evening.

**Rooms Reservations:** Reserve with hotel on or before 6 April, 2023   Call 989-891-6000  
**Be sure to reference the group rate: District 9 US Power Squadrons**